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**Subject:** RE: Another death from methylene chloride use in bathtubs

OMG. Thank you for sharing.

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FYI I thought you might be interested. California told us this was due to methylene chloride. See the obituary. It states the person was a bathtub refinisher. So sad. He was very young.

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Hi Maria, Sheila, and Lynn –

We've just learned about another death from methylene chloride in bathtub refinishing. Doug's contact at CA Department of Public Health, who let us know about the August 2015 case, passed on the information. The deceased was 21 years old, in TN.

The obituary appeared in the Tennessean and the Ashland City Times on May 10; here is a link:  
<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/tennessean/obituary-search.aspx?affiliateId=2294&firstname=kevin&lastname=hartley&stateid=56>

According to this, the date of death was April 28. If there is an OSHA investigation, we will likely not know results until they are public.

Thanks –

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Bob Harrison from CA Health called to let us know there has, sadly, been another death from use of methylene chloride to refinish bathtubs. The name of the victim is Kevin Hartley, from Clarksville, TN and was 21 years old. Bob said that he recently graduated from college and was working for his family painting business. The death occurred around the end of April. Bob will send more information as it is compiled. And of course he urged the EPA to pursue action that could help mitigate these deaths. Please share with others that might be interested.

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